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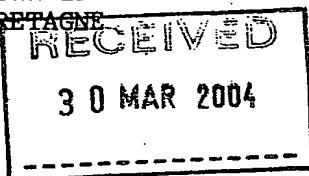
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## COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits the partial European search report under Rule 46(1) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application.

Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the following:

The search Division informs the applicant that if the European search report is also to cover inventions other than the invention first mentioned in the claims, a further search fee must be paid for each of these inventions, within ONE MONTH after notification of this communication.

If the application has been filed up to 30 June 1999, the search fee in force before 01 July 1999 (EUR 869,-) or the equivalent applicable on the date of payment is payable.

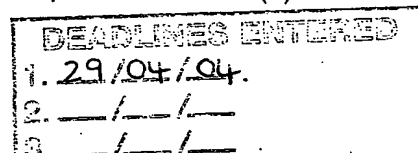
**This applies also to the search fees requested under Rule 46(1) EPC.**

See also OJ EPO 06/1999, 405.

Moreover, the Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the provisions of the European Patent Convention to such an extent that it is not possible to carry out a meaningful search into the state of the art on the basis of some of the claims; reference is made to sheet C, which is attached to the search report.

☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to the present communication.

☒ Additional set(s) of copies of the documents cited in the European search report is (are) attached as well.



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REGISTERED LETTER



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 25 and partially 1-24

Use of trehalose as a food preservative

2. Claims: 1-24 (all partially)

Use of trehalose in a cosmetic composition

3. Claims: 1-24 (all partially)

Use of trehalose in a pharmaceutical composition

Remark: Claim 26 has not been searched due to lack of clarity (see Sheet C). It therefore has been disregarded when drafting the non-unitary inventions.!



Claim(s) searched completely:

Claim(s) searched incompletely:

1-25 (as far as relating to the first invention)

Claim(s) not searched:

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Reason for the limitation of the search:

A) Present claims 1-26 relate to a 'reduction inhibitory agent for active-oxygen eliminating activity'. The claims potentially cover a manifold of different uses, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC for only a very limited number of such uses. In the present case the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 84 EPC). From claim 1 as presently drafted it is not clear how said alleged property of trehalose can be exploited. Based upon information readily available to one skilled in the art, the skilled artisan would not know all the possible uses linked to the alleged property/effect. Consequently, the search, as far as relating to the first invention, has been limited to the use of trehalose as indicated on pages 2-3 of the description as far as relating to the first invention, i.e. to the use of trehalose as a food stabiliser.

B) Present claims 6, 8, 12, 14 relate to a 'plant antioxidant'; claims 8, 14 relate to plant enzymes, pigments, polyphenols, vitamins as antioxidants; claim 17 relates to 'essential minerals, edible fibers, growth-promoting saccharides for bifid bacteria, vitamins, biologically active substances'. These claims cover a very large number of possible compounds and parts of plants, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claim also lacks clarity (Article 84 EPC). The expression 'biologically active substances' is very vague and appears to be applicable to all living plant matter.

The expressions 'essential minerals' and 'growth-promoting saccharides for bifid bacteria' are functional definitions which do allow to determine which compounds fall within the scope of the definition and which not. Moreover, as no target organism has been specified in the claims, it is not possible to determine which minerals might be essential for this unspecified organism.

The search, as far as relating to the first invention, has been limited to the antioxidants explicitly mentioned in the description on pages 2 and 8 and to the explicitly named compounds on pages 10-48 of the description, as far as relating to the first invention.

C) In present claim 19 the active oxygen eliminating activity is characterised by a value of at least 5 units/g in the nitroblue



tetrazolium test (NBT). While the NBT is a test known in the medical field, this parameter is uncommon in the field of food processing. In the present context this is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 84 EPC. It is impossible to compare the parameter the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art over the whole breadth of the claimed invention as far as relating to the first invention. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible.

The search has been limited to the use of trehalose for the stabilisation and/or preservation of the enzymes mentioned in the description on pages 2 and 8, as far as relating to the first invention.

D) Claim 20 relates to a 'food product (...) or 'its! material or intermediate'. The claim covers a very large number of possible products, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC for only a limited number of such compounds. In the present case the claim so lacks support, and the application so lacks disclosure that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claim also lacks clarity (Article 84 EPC). The expression 'material or intermediate' is very vague. It is not clear which 'intermediates' are meant and to which final products the expression 'intermediate' relates.

The search, as far as relating to the first invention, has been limited to the food products as mentioned in the description in examples B-1 to B-26 as far as relating to the first invention.

E) Claim 26 relates to a food product with a 'satisfactory biting property'.

This expression is considered to be vague and relative to such an extent that a meaningful search appears to be impossible.

Claim 26 has therefore been disregarded for the search.



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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION			
The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:			
see sheet B			
The present partial European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims.			
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